

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

20 October 2011

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Marathon Oil Corporation

File No. 1-05153 -- CF# 27187

Marathon Oil Corporation submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on August 8, 2011, as amended on October 18, 2011.

Based on representations by Marathon Oil Corporation that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 2.2 through August 6, 2021

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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